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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0335

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PE, EC
SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF US WEAPONS TO ECUADOR

REF: A) QUITO 267 (NOTAL) B) LIMA 341

1. MTT NOT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 2 AND TRAIN-
ING WILL TAKE PACE DURING FEBRUARY. FURTHER DELAYING THE TRAIN-
ING COULD CAUSE US TO LOSE THE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS WE STAND
TO GAIN FROM THIS SHIPMENT, THE HISTORY OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT
IS WELL AWARE. EVEN AN APPROACH TO ECUADOR ON THIS SUBJECT
IS LIKELY TO COST US. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL INVESTIGATE THE ALTER-
NATIVES SUGGESTED IN REF B.

2. FRANKLY, WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT THE GOP COULD FIND MUCH
PROVOCATION IN THIS TRAINING EFFORT. THE WEAPONS INVOLVED ARE
STRICTLY DEFENSIVE, AND ARE VERY LIMITED IN NUMBER (16 90MM
RECOILLESS RIFLES, 12 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AND SOME 135 M-72
LAWS-NONE OF WHICH HAVE A RANGE TO REACH THE PERUVIAN
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BORDER FROM THE TRAINING SITE.) IN ADDITION, SUB-CALIBER
TRAINING DEVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED SO TRAINING WILL
NOT TAKE PLACE WITH COMBAT ROUNDS. AS WE NOTED IN REF A,
THE FIRING RANGE WHERE TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IS LONG-
ESTABLISHED, AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING THERE SHOULD NOT
EXCITE THE PERUVIANS. FINALLY, WE NOTE THAT THE TRAINING
IS SCHEDULED FOR THAT LOCATION TO AVOID HAVING TO MOVE THE

ECUADOREAN ARMY'S FEW ANTI-TANK UNITS FAR FROM THEIR HOME
LOCATION. THEIR BASE IS LOCATED IN EL ORO PROVINCE FOR REASONS
WHICH SHOULD BE FAMILIAR TO ALL BY THIS TIME.
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